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SUBJ: VISIT OF SOMALI PRESIDENT BARRE TO SENEGAL

1. SOMALI PRESIDENT MUHAMMAD SIAD BARRE ARRIVED DAKAR NOV 2 FOR 36 HOUR "WORKING VISIT" WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR. WHILE BARRE'S COMMENTS TO PRESS IMPLIED THAT OAU BUSINESS PRIMARILY BROUGHT HIM HERE, FORMINISTRY DIRECTOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIENG IN COMMENT TO EMBOFF ON NOV 4 EMPHASIZED BILATERAL IMPORTANCE OF VISIT. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE THAT SIAD BARRE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY IMPORTANT SOMALI DEL HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT WARSANA ISAAC AND INCLUDED OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COMMERCE, FORESTRY, WATER RESOURCES, AND PLANNING.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE TOUCHED ON OAU SUBJECTS BUT HAD ESSENTIALLY BILATERAL FLAVOR. COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. WHILE DETENTE BETWEEN US AND SOVIET UNION

HAILED AS FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, DETENTE CANNOT HAVE GLOBAL IMPACT AS LONG AS COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND ZIONISM ARE NOT ELIMINATED.

BM REGARDING NEAR EAST, RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONALISM AND WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967 CONSTITUTE SINE QUA NON FOR RETURN OF PEACE IN REGION. TWO PARTIES ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RESOLUTION BY CURRENT UNGA ON INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF PLO.

C. CONDEMNATION OF "SAIGON GOVT" FOR FREQUENT PEACE VIOLATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR "JUST STRUGGLE OF CAMBODIAN PEOPLE UNDER DIRECTION OF PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK".

D. REGARDING AFRICA, TWO PRESIDENTS SUPPORT TOTAL INDEPENDENCE FOR SEYCHELLES, PRINCIPE AND SAO TOME, COMORES AND DJIBOUTI.

E. SOMALIS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO ATTEND APRIL 1975 CONFERENCE HERE ON "AFRICAN PATHS OF SOCIALISM". BOTH SIDES SEE NEED FOR WORLD CONF. ON DEMOGRAPHIC AND FOOD PROBLEMS, AND THEY ALSO ENDORSED ARAB SUMMIT DECISION TO WORK TOWARD ARABO-AFRICAN SUMMIT IN 1975.

F. SENGHOR IS TO VISIT SOMALIA AT DATE TO BE SET LATER, AND THERE WAS DECISION MADE TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON BILATERAL CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL ACCORDS.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS SOMALI PRESIDENT'S STOP HERE IS PART OF LARGER WEST AFRICAN TOUR WHICH TAKES HIM NEXT TO GAMBIA. FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL DIENG TOLD US VISIT WAS USEFUL FOR BOTH SIDES AND WENT SMOOTHLY.

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